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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Masao Iwase et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2811
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Serial No.: 10/687,705	)	Examiner: Sara W. Crane
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Filed: October 20, 2003	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 2832
For: SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER AND	)	
A METHOD FOR	)	
MANUFACTURING A	)	
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.